

## **P-2210 HOUSEHOLD COMPOSITION (continued)**

### **P-2210C Shared Custody (Reach Up rule 2231) (19-12)**

#### **One Parent Applies for Reach Up (Other Parent is Not Seeking Benefits)**

Determine if child spends 15 nights per month in the applying parent's household.

- If the parent reports that the child spends at least 15 nights per month in the parent's household, no further verification is necessary.
- If the parent reports that the child spends less than 15 nights per month in the parent's household, the child is not considered to be living in the same household as the parent, and therefore, is not eligible to receive Reach Up in the parent's household.

#### ***Conflicting Information***

If the department receives information indicating that the child does not spend at least 15 nights per month in the household, obtain copies of any Parental Rights and Responsibilities Agreement (PR&R).

- If the PR&R gives the applicant parent physical custody at least 50% of the time, the child is considered to be living in the household with the parent.
- If there is no PR&R, the applicant parent must provide collateral statements that the child spends at least 15 nights per month in the parent's household. These statements could include, but are not limited to:
  - Collateral statements from neighbors, childcare providers, school personnel, medical providers.

#### ***Questionable Child in Household***

If all that is holding up eligibility for the rest of the household is whether or not a child is in the household for 15 nights per month or more, approve the grant for the rest of the household while waiting on verification, if the household is eligible for Reach Up without the questionable child, and the child has no countable income or resources (see P-2201F).

## Both Parents Apply for Reach Up

If either parent indicates the child does not spend at least 15 nights per month in the household, the child is not considered to be living in the same household as the parent, and therefore, is not eligible to receive Reach Up in the parent's household.

If both parents claim the child spends at least 15 nights per month in their household obtain copies of the latest PR&R and determine physical custody.

- If both parents share 50%/50% custody, grant benefits to the parent who applies first.
- If one parent has more than 50% custody, grant benefits to that parent.
- If one parent states the PR&R does not accurately reflect where the child is living, explain they can provide collateral statements and recommend they return to court to update the PR&R. Send questionable situations to ESD AOPS for further guidance.
- If there is no PR&R, both parents must provide collateral statements that the child spends at least 15 nights per month in the parent's household. These statements could include, but are not limited to:
  - Collateral statements from neighbors, childcare providers, school personnel, medical providers.